

## COURT REVERSES VERDICT OF JURY

Mrs. Crush Gets \$100, and Then  
Loses by Judge's Order.  
Other Cases.

Christiansburg, Va., December 11.—The December term of the Mountain Circuit Court, which had been in session since the first of the month, adjourned yesterday after transacting a large amount of business. While the criminal docket was meagre and for the most part of special importance was tried, the civil and chancery matters were of more than usual number and importance. Probably more applications for the correction of erroneous assessments were heard than at any one term in several years, but in not a single instance did any taxpayer complain because his property was assessed too high, all claiming the property was exempt from assessment.

The most important jury case was Mary E. Crush vs. the Town of Christiansburg, in which the plaintiff sought to recover \$1,000 damages to her property by reason of some excavation done by the town over a year ago in improving Main Street in front of her property. While the evidence and the court's instructions were favorable to the defendant, yet the jury returned a verdict of \$100 damages against the defendant, which the court promptly set aside.

The case of O. C. Bell vs. The Virginia Railway Co., which was set for trial on December 11, continued on the motion of the defendant. The plaintiff sued for \$10,000 damages for an injury received two years ago as a mail clerk on one of the defendant's trains. The plaintiff was awarded \$2,500 damages one year ago, but the Supreme Court reversed the judgment, and a new trial was ordered. The attachment suit of H. M. Johnson, et al., vs. S. W. and J. A. Wilkinson, of Detroit, involving a controversy over the payment of \$250 claimed by the plaintiffs, was decided in favor of the defendants, but the court restrained the defendants from cutting and removing the residue of the timber from the plaintiffs' land.

The suit of J. A. Albert vs. M. M. Jones, involving a controversy about a shortage in a tract of land supposed to contain 115 acres which Albert returned from a large boundary claim to Jones, was decided in favor of the plaintiff, giving him \$540 for the shortage of about fourteen acres.

Probably the most bitterly contested case heard by the court was on the application for an injunction in the suit of Echols vs. The Virginia Railway Co., in which the plaintiff claimed that the defendant had created a nuisance by diverting the North Fork of the Roanoke River several years ago, leaving the old bed which had collected a large quantity of surface water which became stagnant in the dry, hot season of last summer, and was a menace to the health of the plaintiff and the community. The court deferred rendering an opinion until January 19, when further proof and arguments will be submitted in Roanoke.

Among the visiting attorneys attending during the term were G. A. Wingfield, of Norfolk; Nelson S. de Bedford; Thomas L. Moore; H. T. Hall; A. B. Hunt; A. P. Staples; Mercer Hartman; and J. G. Chaffee, of Roanoke; A. T. Eckridge, Jr., of Pulaski; Selmon Longley and R. L. Jordan, of Bedford; J. E. Profit and R. S. Pedigo, of Floyd; Wirt Dunlap and R. F. Calloway, of Blacksburg.

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## JOHN FOX, JR., JOINS MILITARY COMPANY

Noted Novelist and Joshua Bullitt Enlist in New Southwest Organization.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Roanoke, Va., December 11.—John Fox, Jr., author of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," is now an enlisted man in a Virginia militia company, and Joshua Bullitt, who was the chief of the city police in the novel, is captain of the company.

The organization was perfected yesterday in accordance with the recent order of the Adjutant-General of Virginia, calling for the formation of militia companies in Southwest Virginia. Captain H. S. Davant, of this city, detailed on special duty, worked up the company at Big Stone Gap. It is the first military organization ever perfected here.

Because of the personnel of the company and its surroundings the organization will occupy a unique position in the militia of the State. The company is made up of sturdy mountaineers, counterparts of the characters in the great novel of the Virginia mountains. The members average six feet in height and the weight is 150 pounds to the man. The company will be mustered in within two weeks, and will be a part of the Fourth Virginia Regiment. It will be known locally as the "Big Stone Gap Home Guards."

This is the only military company in all that section of Virginia west of Roanoke.

Club Will Buy New Grounds.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., December 11.—The members of the Oakwood Club have voted favorably upon the suggestion of the directors to sell the present club grounds and to buy a new site containing 130 acres, situated a mile west of the present home in Rivermont. The club property will be sold for about \$25,000 for building lots, and the club expects to spend about \$50,000 equipping the new grounds.

In addition to a fine clubhouse, arrangements will be made on the property for golf, trap shooting, tennis and other out-of-door sports necessary to the life of a modern country club.

Doctors Elect Officers.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Norfolk, Va., December 11.—The Seaboard Medical Society of Virginia and North Carolina this afternoon selected Goldsboro, N. C., as its next place of meeting, and elected the following officers: President, Dr. J. R. Parker, of Goldsboro, N. C.; first vice-president, Dr. G. K. Vandervelde, of Phoenix, Va.; second vice-president, Dr. C. E. Griffin, of Winston, N. C.; third vice-president, Dr. E. B. Whitcomb, of Kempasville, Va.; fourth vice-president, Dr. W. J. Harrell, of Auhander, N. C.; secretary, Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, of Newport News; treasurer, Dr. George A. Caton, of Newbern, N. C.; and orator, Dr. James H. Culpepper, of Norfolk.

Officers Elect Officers.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Stonesville, Va., December 11.—The officers of the Stony Brook Baptist Church, who met at a meeting of the church at 8 o'clock last night, elected the following officers: President, Dr. J. R. Parker, of Goldsboro, N. C.; first vice-president, Dr. G. K. Vandervelde, of Phoenix, Va.; second vice-president, Dr. C. E. Griffin, of Winston, N. C.; third vice-president, Dr. E. B. Whitcomb, of Kempasville, Va.; fourth vice-president, Dr. W. J. Harrell, of Auhander, N. C.; secretary, Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, of Newport News; treasurer, Dr. George A. Caton, of Newbern, N. C.; and orator, Dr. James H. Culpepper, of Norfolk.

Church Events To-Night.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

An interesting program has been arranged for the tea which will be given by the Junior Bible Class of Central Methodist Church to-night at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. T. L. Nicholas, 104 McDonough Street.

A play will be presented to-night at the Woodland Heights Baptist Church. The actors have been rehearsing their parts for some time, and a creditable performance is expected.

Arrested for Peddling Shoes.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Three white men were arrested yesterday afternoon by Officers Waymank, Sharpe and Wheeler, on the charge of peddling shoes without a license. They were Alexander Graham, of West Virginia; James Garrett, of Pennsylvania; and Frank J. Gwyer, who gave him as the Tippecanoe Islands.

While there is no direct proof, the police believe that the shoes were stolen. Each man carried a bundle of them. They were locked up in the Third Police Station pending a hearing before Justice Maurice this morning in Police Court, Part II.

Dead Recorded.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

According to a deed of bargain and sale recorded yesterday in the office of the Register in Chancery, J. E. Simpson, inside guard, H. A. Waymank, outside guard, trustees, H. L. Sowers, C. J. Vardley and C. L. Pettit, are physicians, T. D. Shelton.

Car Hits Buggy.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

A work and Power Company car into the buggy of Mrs. C. A. Bucher yesterday morning on upper Hill Street, knocking it several feet and smashing one of the wheels. No one was hurt.

Scouts Selling Many Seals.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Troop No. 11, Boy Scouts of America, are having great success with their sale of Red Cross seals. The streets of the Southside are being canvassed, and the people are responding liberally. The scouts are working for the \$25 prize offered for the individual or organization selling the greatest number of seals in the State.

Will Hold Annual Election.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Officers for the coming year will be elected to-night at the regular weekly meeting of Maple Grove, No. 123, Woodmen of the World, at Fraternal Hall.



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Lyric—Keith Vaudeville, matinee and night.

Empire—Grace Scott, in "Girls."

Roanoke—Stahl, in "Maggie Pepper."

At the Academy, Ro Stahl will appear tonight and Saturday and Sunday matinee, in "Maggie Pepper." Charles Klein's play of department store life. It is now assured that Miss Stahl will repeat here the great success she has won in other cities in this new part, "Maggie Pepper."

The Henry B. Harris estate has surrounded Miss Stahl with an excellent company of players. The characters being true to life, and acted with superb art are never less than interesting and the laugh-winning lines of the dialogue delivered with intelligence and expression, are ever fresh and interesting.

Nine Divorces Granted.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., December 11.—Judge Berkebile has granted nine divorces in the Circuit Court of the city this week, as follows: Hortense Benton from Hubert L. Scott; Fannie Graves Baker from Menless A. Baker; Annie Williams from Howard E. Williams; Fletcher Gilbert from Mattie Gilbert; Clarence S. Pugh from Nellie Pugh; Fannie Gannaway from Alexander Gannaway; Rosa L. Mayo from Robert L. Mayo; and Mattie B. Rutrough from Fred L. Rutrough.

News From Wise.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Wise, Va., December 11.—Excitement was created here by the dwelling of Mrs. Phoebe Edwards, taking fire. Several automobiles rushed to the house, and the fire was extinguished before very much damage was done.

The women of the M. E. Church, South, held a bazaar on Friday, and cleared more than \$100.

Ten prisoners, three white and seven colored, were sent from the jail here on Tuesday to work on the State roads near Bristol.

C. C. Phipps, of St. Paul, owns, probably, the largest hog in this section of the State. The hog is Guroe Jersey, three years old, and is estimated to weigh nearly 1,100 pounds on foot. The hog is to be sold to Sheriff Beverly, who will feed him to his prisoners in the jail.

ALDERMEN WILL NOT GIVE \$5,000.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., December 11.—After spending \$15,000 for a new fire station in West Lynchburg, the board of aldermen has refused to concur in an appropriation of \$5,000 for an auto engine for the new station, naming a committee, instead, to inquire into the feasibility of consolidating two stations, which would mean there would be nothing to do but to tear down the new house and a loss of more than \$15,000 to the city.

Masons Elect Officers.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Kenbridge, Va., December 11.—Free State Lodge No. 225, of Kenbridge, held its annual election of officers on Monday night. The following officers were chosen to serve another year: worshipful master, Thomas W. O'Neil; senior warden, F. W. Clark; junior warden, J. T. Harris; and senior deacon, D. N. Matthews. George B. Bridgeforth was elected junior deacon; A. M. Chappell, treasurer; and S. B. Watkins, secretary. The other officers of the lodge will be appointed by the master on St. John's night on December 7, when the annual banquet will be given.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Williamsburg, Va., December 11.—Three small children of John Huntley, a colored exterminator, employed by Captain E. W. Maynard at Bigler's York River, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the house on yesterday afternoon. Huntley's wife, wishing to visit her husband, locked the children in the cabin. It is believed that they accidentally set the place afire. Their charred remains were found near the door when the ruins were searched. No one saw the fire or knows its origin.

## CROWDS APPLAUD PLEA OF HOBSON FOR PROHIBITION

(Continued From First Page.)

to be the candidate of the liquor interests. I never have received a dollar from the liquor interests, nor do I intend to receive such. I have asked the people of my State to elect me on other issues.

Mr. Hobson in concluding his speech, referred to Mr. Underwood as a reactionary, and added:

"If there is a man on this floor who is afraid of doing, he'd better get to cover in the next few years."

Packed Galleries.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

When the Alabama had taken his seat, Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, suggested that Mr. Hobson had packed the galleries with a multitude of his adherents, and that he (Bartholdt) could bring 2,000,000 German-Americans to Washington for intimidation, but he did not think it was a "healthy thing" to do. He attacked Mr. Hobson's argument, and said that "sobriety" and "temperance" are not identical with prohibition, as Mr. Hobson had said, "but that prohibition is an attempt to make a man sober by law."

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